GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:127
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2016
Food Security
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food security situation in the country is eroding on account of
increasing shortage of foodgrains and other food items and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the details of production, procurement, demand and supply of foodgrains during the last three years;
(c) whether the private companies procure foodgrains directly from the farmers at prices higher than those fixed by the Government for procurement through its agencies;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the quantum of foodgrains procured by the said companies along with the rates at which the said procurement has been done during the said period, year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 127* DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
(a): There is no shortage of foodgrains to implement the food security in the country under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). The stock of foodgrains in Central Pool as on 01.07.2016 is 548.50 lakh tons, against the buffer norms of 411.20 lakh tons to meet the demand of foodgrains for the Public Distribution System (PDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS).
(b): The details of production of foodgrains for the last three years is given below:
(Million Tons)
Grains
2012-13
2013-14
2014-15
2015-16
(3rd Advance
estimate)
Rice
105.24
106.65
105.48
103.36
Wheat
93.51
95.85
86.53
94.04
Coarse grains
40.04
43.29
42.86
37.78
Total Foodgrains
238.79
245.79
234.87
235.18
Wheat, rice and coarse grains are procured by the Government from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP), which is used for supply/ allocation to States/UTs for distribution under the PDS as per the coverage determined for each State/UT and per person/family foodgrain entitlement under the NFSA. Details of procurement of wheat, rice and coarse grains and the total allocation of foodgrains to States/UTs under the PDS, calamity relief, festivals etc during last three years is at Annexure.
(c) to (e): The Central Government extends price support to paddy and wheat through the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Procurement Agencies. All the foodgrains conforming to the prescribed specifications offered for sale at specified centers are bought by the public procurement agencies at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). The farmers however have the option to sell their produce to Government Agencies at MSP or in the open market as is advantageous to them. Information regarding private purchase of

foodgrains is not maintained.
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ANNEXURE
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 127 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.07.2016 IN LOK SABHA
Procurement of Rice, Wheat and Coarse grain and total allocation of foodgrains for the last three years
(In Lakh Tons/??? ?? ???)

Crop Year	Procurement			Total Allocation of foodgrains to States/UTs
	Rice	Wheat	Coarsegrain	
2013-14	318.45	280.23	12.31	515.61
2014-15	320.40	280.88	4.65	562.20
2015-16	341.30 *	229.30	2.65	558.47

* As on 20.07.2016
Note : Procurement of wheat relates to Rabi Marketing Season (April-March) for the year following the crop year.
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